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for entering the Freshman class in our *best colleges*. The patronizing territory is local, but as good as any other in the State. The demand for such a school in this place is urgent and the ability to sustain it abundant.

The Board of Trustees, being anxious to put the said institution under the fostering care and Christian influences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have asked this Conference to nominate 27 persons from whom they may select nine trustees to fill vacancies in the Board; and, also, three members of this Conference to act as a Board of Visitors.

They also ask the appointment of a President.

In view of the foregoing requests your committee do hereby name: L. M. Lane, A. C. Gann, I. K. Alderman, S. F. Garrett, J. W. Dean, James Todd, Frank Bellows, A. Johnston, Samuel McFarland, A. W. Florea, W. V. Bake, Revs. O. Deshler, W. M. Sapp, N. M. Enyeart, T. J. Enyeart, B. M. Danford, D. M. Yetter, J. J. Bentley and R. L. Thompson, also John C. Curfman, J. V. Embree, Theo. L. Robinson, R. S. McDougal, Wm. Wells, Dr. — Martin, James Jackson and Governor A. P. Morehouse.

We recommend the following as a Board of Visitors: D. M. Yetter, N. M. Enyeart and J. J. Lace

We also hereby request the Bishop to appoint Rev. Oliver H. Smith, A. M., as President of said institution.

COLLECTIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

As to collections made for educational purposes your committee submit the following:

Resolved, That the collections taken in the St Joseph and Chillicothe Districts shall be paid to the Missouri Wesleyan Institute, and those from the other districts shall be paid to Lewis College.

O. H. SMITH,

Secretary.

N. SHUMATE,

Chairman.

ON MEMOIRS.

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Memoirs submit the following report:

God has been good to us as a Conference. While during the past year death has been more than usually active in our land, our own Conference has been greatly spared. Yet some have been called to enter into rest; and they fell as they had lived at their posts. As sheaves fully ripe, they were gathered into the garner house of our Lord.

REV. ARAD. S. LAKIN, D. D.

Rev. Arad. S. Lakin was born in Delaware County, New York, May 7th, 1810, and died in Rockport, Missouri, January 21st, 1890. Bro. Lakin was converted to God in his eighteenth year and was admitted into the New York Conference in 1835. In 1837 he married sister Achsah Newton, the christian teacher who proved herself a fit helpmeet and source of inspiration to him in all his trials and triumphs. In 1855 he was transferred by Bishop Ames to the North Indiana Conference, where he labored until the breaking out of the war of the rebellion when he enlisted as a private, but soon rose to be Chaplain of his regiment, which position he

held until the close of the war. On his return from marching with Sherman to the sea, he united with the Cincinnati Conference.

When the call came from the scattered flock in the South for "help," Bro. Lakin responded and was appointed by bishop Clark to this dangerous field, where he labored successfully amidst almost insurmountable obstacles and appalling dangers, he representing the Alabama Conference in the General Conference of 1872 and the Central Alabama Conference in 1884. When asked how he escaped so many dangers, he replied: "I have always believed a man *immortal* till his work is done." His wife used to say that "so many prayers stood between him and the bullets, that they could not reach him." Nominated for U. S. Marshal of Northern Alabama with a salary of \$10,000 per year, he promptly declined, saying: "I have given my life to God and the church and I cannot appropriate any portion of it to myself."

Sister Lakin fell asleep in Jesus in 1883, and in 1887 Bro. Lakin followed his family to Missouri and uniting with our Conference was appointed to Rockport charge, and last spring to Watson charge, where he served faithfully until he fell, as he had so often desired, "at his post and with the harness on." His last words were: "I know that I am nearing my heavenly home." Brave, generous and warm hearted, he had many friends. The history of his works in the south has never been written, probably never will be, but they were of the heroic kind. Only a man of faith and courage could have filled his place.

MRS. ELVIRA ALLEN

Mrs. Elvira Allen was born in Henry county, Indiana, December 17th, 1829; was converted in Green county, Indiana, in 1845; married her now grief stricken husband, Rev. Calvin Allen, of the Missouri Conference, July 2nd, 1848, and died in Laclede, Missouri, Feb. 1st, 1890. Brother Allen emigrated from Indiana to Missouri in 1845 and settled in Grundy county. He was admitted to the Missouri Conference in 1858 on trial. At this time the state of society was such as to render the lives of Methodist ministers insecure. The agitation of the question of slavery, incident upon the settlement of Kansas, threw the whole western border of this State under the control of mob law, and Methodist preachers were deemed fit subjects upon which the mobs might wreak their vengeance, but throughout this period of danger Sister Allen maintained a degree of christian fortitude not often met with, and ever sought to cheer her husband in the presence of the most threatening danger and pressing destitution of the comforts of life.

Several years ago she became disabled by a diseased limb, and Bro. Allen gave up active work that he might the better care for her. When hope began to be entertained of at least a partial recovery, La Grippe seized her, terminating in acute bronchitis which proved fatal. Her last hours were glorious beyond description. She was eager to depart and be with Christ, saying to her husband, "O I wonder how heaven will look when I shall see it." Surely these will be of the number who shall stand before the throne having "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

REBECCA ANN GRAHAM.

Rebecca Ann Graham was born in Allegheny County Maryland, Sept. 22d, 1819; was married to Rev. Francis H. Graham, in Hartford,